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MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1899.

There was no lack of investors for government bonds, and this at a time when so much money is being put into sugar stocks. When three people are ready to take up each \$200,000 worth of bonds, the market must be in a very comfortable condition for the Minister of Finance. It is quite easy to see why small investors did not bid for the \$1,000; there is too much for them to do with their money and they are all looking for quick returns. But the time will come when they will only be too glad to seek a steady investment of this kind. Government bonds are as safe an investment as a man can make.

The subject of freeing Spaniards held by Aguinaldo as prisoners is a very delicate one. The Spanish authorities are willing to pay Aguinaldo for their release. General Otis objects to any payment being made, because as he justly points out, the funds so obtained would be only so much fuel to keep the insurgents fighting against the United States. War is no respecter of persons and once it is engaged in, the question of ransoming prisoners sinks into the background, when the crushing of a foe is concerned. It is a difficult position to be placed in, but there can be no doubt that General Otis is right.

The chances of rapid transit are now looking up. When the meeting of the stockholders of the company has been held and the information has been fully laid before them, it is probable that steps will be taken to give us a proper system of transport shortly. The mere fact that the rapid transit people mean business has spurred up the old tramways company. There are more frequent cars, and the town nearly faints the other day when a brand new car appeared upon the rails. But the service has been so bad that however much the old company may "buck up," it is the new company that will win the patronage of the travelling public.

Miss Blanche Bates has made a great hit in New York. First she made a success in the "Great Ruby," where she played the adventuress, and she has followed it by an even greater success as Miladi in an adaptation of Dumas' "Three Musketeers." When Miss Bates was here with the Frawley company, some of the city's great critics used to belittle Miss Bates' work, and regard her as a very third rate actress. It is evident that those great critics are not in accord with the best taste of New York, for in the piece in which she is now playing, it is Miss Bates every one is going to see, her acting having thrown the other characters in the shade, just as Sothern's Dundreary became in his hands the main character in a piece in which Brother Sam was meant for the lead.

ADULTERATION.

If there is as much adulteration of food here as is claimed, why does not the Board of Health act? It has powers which can set the machinery of the law in motion and the penalties run from fine to imprisonment. It seems very little use paying for a food inspector if we are to get nothing from his services but a set of reports which are read over before the Board of Health and are then solemnly pigeon holed for future reference. That adulterated articles were sold we all know. That their sale ought to be stopped was conceded by every one, because if they are delinquent they are a cheat, and should no more be permitted than picking pockets or forgery.

The subject was well thrashed out during the last session of the Legislature. Facts were there stated as to the amount of adulteration, not only in food, but also in liquors and drugs. Some of the facts were found in commitments, but charges were made on the floor of the house and remained uncontradicted. The result of it all was that an act was passed enabling the authorities to deal with the evil.

In consequence of the passage of that act a food inspector was appointed. He is a capable man, and has devoted scientific care to the examination of food both liquid and solid. He has reported unfavorably, but not a step has been taken in the way of acting upon his reports. Oleomargarine comes in and is sold as butter, coffee has various substances mixed with it, pepper is adulterated and milk is watered. As the act reads the food inspector can make no move towards prosecution, unless the Board of Health authorizes him. Why does not the Board of Health go ahead and authorize its inspector to go ahead. Does it distrust its inspector? If so, it had better get rid of him. Or is it that it is afraid to proceed, lest there might be unpleasant entanglements? There ought to be some action taken. The law should not become a dead letter.

AN OBJECTION.

It is to be hoped that our authorities will lay before President McKinley the intense objection that the territory would have to a garrison of negro troops. The Hawaiians are certainly averse to the idea, and every one in the territory has an objection. It may be prejudice, but even prejudice should be considered.

There are places where the negro is liked, where he is understood. By the Hawaiian he is not liked and he is not understood. In Porto Rico and in Cuba there is no such objection as there is here. The population of those islands is in part negro and mixed with negro. The Hawaiian has no affinity with the negro in the slightest degree, and he would regard it as a slur upon himself to have the islands garrisoned with colored troops.

Of course the United States authorities will do as they like, but the people at the head of our affairs and those who are in touch with President McKinley, should lay the matter before him as it appears to us here. President Dole's views on the rumored proposal have been publicly stated. He is opposed to the use of negro troops for the islands.

SAMOA.

It is somewhat amusing to read the telegrams about Samoan affairs in the light which we now have upon them. It is evident that the instructions upon which Admiral Kautz acted have been kept very secret, and that the so called "information" is a series of guesses founded upon probabilities. That there should have been decisive action almost as soon as the admiral arrived, is what very few of the correspondents guessed. Even as late as March 25 the Berlin correspondent of the Morning Post says:

"I am informed that Germany regards the withdrawal of Chief Justice Chambers from Samoa as imperative, and that a refusal on the part of the United States to call him home would be equivalent to the abandonment of negotiations concerning Samoa."

What will they think when they find that Chief Justice Chambers' action has been upheld, not only diplomatically, but by force of arms.

REGISTRATION ON MAUI.

MAUI, April 1.—The Board of Registration, consisting of F. W. Hardy, of Makawao, R. C. Searle of Lahaina, and F. Wittrock of Hamoa, start out on their labors the early part of this month, taking in Hana district first. A heavy registration is expected this year.

LOST HER ANCHORS.

The schooner Mokulele lost both anchors at Huelo, Maui, and was obliged to leave and come here for new ones in order to finish discharging her cargo of lumber.

A NEW NAME.

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